

HISTORY 3831

MADNESS AND SOCIETY IN THE MODERN AGE, 1760-1914

Discussion Topics

I: Preliminaries

1) September 23:

Introductory Lecture: Why Study the History of Madness?

2) September 30/October 1:

The Historiography of Psychiatry in the Twentieth Century: "Whig" vs. "Social Revisionist" Schools of Interpretation; Scientific Positivism vs. Social and Cultural Constructionism; Psychiatry and Anti-Psychiatry

II: From the Late Eighteenth to the Mid-Nineteenth Centuries

3) October 7/8:

The Enlightenment Origins of Psychiatric Humanitarianism; Psychiatry and the French Revolution; Philippe Pinel as the "Founding Father" of Modern Psychiatry; Naturalistic vs. Religious Views of Insanity; The Early Doctor-Patient Relationship

4) October 14/15:

The "Moral Treatment:" Interpreting the First Psychotherapy; Care and Kindness or. Punishment and Professional Advancement? Historians and Their Ideologies

5) October 21/22:

The History of Psychiatric Diagnoses: The Case of Monomania; Constructing a Clinical Category; French Society and Culture in the 1830s and 1840s; Universal Validity vs. Historical Determinism in Psychiatric History

6) October 28/29:

Psychiatry and Its Institutional Settings; The Rise of the Asylum; Comparative Asylum

Cultures in the Early Nineteenth Century; Therapeutic Ideals vs. Realities; The Experience of the Patient; Popular Views of the Madhouse up to 1850; Sources for Writing the History of the Asylum

-- Reading Week --

III. From Late Victorian Times to the Early Twentieth Century

7) November 11/12:

Mental Medicine and the Theory of Degeneration; Hereditarian Models in Psychiatry; Social and Cultural Applications of Medical Theory

8) November 18/19:

The Rise of the Neuroses; George Beard's Theory of Neurasthenia; The Victorian Nervous Invalid; The Medicalization of Everyday Emotional Life; The Beginnings of Private Practice Psychiatry

9) November 25/26:

Psychiatry and Sexuality; The Emergence of Medical Sexology; Krafft-Ebing's Psychopathia Sexualis; Historical Concepts of the Normal and Abnormal; Victorian Sexual Attitudes and Psychological Medicine

10) December 2/3:

Psychiatry and Gender: The Example of Hysteria; Women and Victorian Medicine; Hysteria as a "Female Malady;" The Doctor-Patient Relationship Revisited; The Question of Medical Theory and Praxis as Social Control; Feminist Histories of Psychiatry; Gender and Masculinity

11) December 9/10:

The Emergence of Twentieth-Century Psychodynamic Psychiatry; The Idea of the Unconscious; The Advent of Psychoanalysis in the 1890s; Freud's Early Patients; The Case of "Anna O.;" Psychoanalysis as a Development in the History of Psychiatry

12) December 16/17:

The History of Military Psychiatry; World War One and the Concept of Shell Shock; War, Masculinity, and Nervous Illness; Historical Origins of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; The Novel as a Historical Text; Concluding Reflections on a Hundred Years of Psychiatry

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ASSIGNED GROUP READING

1) Introductory Lecture: Why Study the History of Psychiatry?

2) The Historiography of Psychiatry in the Twentieth Century

Introduction to The Anatomy of Madness: Essays in the History of Psychiatry, vol. 1, W. F. Bynum, Roy Porter, and Michael Shepherd, eds. (1985), 1-24.

Roy Porter and Mark S. Micale, "Reflections on Psychiatry and Its Histories," in Discovering the History of Psychiatry (1994), 3-36.

3) The Enlightenment Origins of Psychiatry

Philippe Pinel, A Treatise of Insanity (1801), Section Two.

4) The "Moral Treatment": Interpreting the First Psychotherapy

Albert Deutsch, The Mentally Ill in America: A History of Their Care and Treatment from Colonial Times (1937), chapter 6.

Michel Foucault, Madness and Civilization: A History of Insanity in the Age of Reason (1961), chapters 8 and 9.

Robert Castel, "Moral Treatment: Mental Therapy and Social Control in the Nineteenth Century" (1971), in Social Control and the State, S. Cohen and A. Scull, eds. (1981), 248-266.

Jan Goldstein, Console and Classify: The French Psychiatric Profession in the Nineteenth Century (1987), chapter 3.

5) The History of Psychiatric Diagnoses: The Case of Monomania

J.-E.-D. Esquirol, "Monomania," in Mental Maladies: A Treatise on Insanity (1838), 319-376.

Jan Goldstein, Console and Classify: The French Psychiatric Profession in the Nineteenth Century, chapter 5.

6) Psychiatry and Its Institutional Settings

Anne Digby, Madness, Morality, and Medicine: A Study of the York Retreat, 1796-1914 (1985), selections.

7) Mental Medicine and the Theory of Degeneration

B. A. Morel, Treatise on the Degeneration of the Human Species (1857), selections.

8) The Rise of the Neuroses

George Miller Beard, A Practical Treatise on Nervous Exhaustion (Neurasthenia) (1880), selections.

9) Psychiatry and Sexuality

Richard von Krafft-Ebing, Psychopathia Sexualis (1886), chapters 1 and 4.

10) Psychiatry and Gender

Ann Douglas Wood, "The 'Fashionable Diseases': Women's Complaints and Their Treatment in Nineteenth-Century America," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 4 (1973), 25-52.

Regina Markell Morantz, "The Perils of Feminist History," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 4 (1973), 649-660.

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, "The Hysterical Woman: Sex Roles and Role Conflict in Nineteenth-Century America" (1972), reprinted in Disorderly Conduct: Visions of Gender in Victorian America (1985), 197-216.

Elaine Showalter, The Female Malady: Women, Madness, and English Culture, 1830-1980 (1985), Introduction, chapter 6.

Mark S. Micale, "Hysteria Male/Hysteria Female: Reflections on Comparative Gender Construction in Nineteenth Century Medicine," in Sense and Sensibility: Essays on

Gender and Scientific Enquiry in Britain, 1780-1945, Marina Benjamin, ed. (1991), chapter 7.

11) The Emergence of Twentieth-Century Psychodynamic Psychiatry

Josef Breuer and Sigmund Freud, "Case Histories: Fräulein Anna O.," in Studies in Hysteria (1895), 21-47.

The Complete Letters of Sigmund Freud to Wilhelm Fliess, 1887-1904, Jeffrey Masson, ed. (1985), selections.

12) The History of Military Psychiatry

Pat Barker, Regeneration: A Novel (1991).